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Vietnam Grain and Feed Rice Weekly Update 2004

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Report Highlights: Export prices were further increased USD 2-4/mt higher than those of last week due to higher demand from exporters in the local market. One of other reasons is the sharp increase of fertilizer cost of production.

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Indicative price (Week ending July 23, 2004)

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Grade								Period Averages	
% Broken	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	Current	Previous
								Average	(July 16)
5	230	230	231	232	231	231	232	231.00	229.57
10	225	225	228	229	229	229	229	227.71	225.29
15	222	222	225	226	226	226	226	224.71	221.71
25	220	220	221	222	222	222	222	221.29	218.14

Source: Average indicative prices from exporters

Export prices again went up by \$2-4/mt with prices offered last week. In local markets, domestic prices were sold at VND 50-100/kg higher (approx. \$3-6/mt) compared with last week due to exporters try purchase more stock for pending contract deliveries. The sharp increase of fertilizers in local market is another factor that has made domestic rice prices firmer, this year's prices is about 20% higher than the average prices from previous years.

Exports

The following are reported rice exports (metric tons) from July 17 to July 23, 2004.

Week ending	Quantity	4-WK Avg.	Year to date	Year ago
May 14	83,000	83,750	1,585,000	1,395,000
May 21	80,000	96,250	1,665,000	1,470,000
May 28	110,000	92,500	1,775,000	1,610,000
June 04	100,000	93,250	1,875,000	1,785,000
June 11	31,000	80,250	1,906,000	1,857,000
June 18	64,000	76,250	1,970,000	1,947,000
June 25	61,000	64,000	2,031,000	2,156,000
July 02	131,000	71,750	2,162,000	2,250,000
July 09	118,000	93,500	2,280,000	2,321,000
July 16	72,000	95,500	2,352,000	2,395,000
July 23	103,000	106,000	2,455,000	2,449,000

According to Vietnam Agriculture News website from Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, The Government of South Korea will import 100,000 tons of rice from Vietnam as an portion in the total 300,000 tons shipping to North Korea.

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